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Pam Smart Supporters Keep Flame Burning on

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Pamela Smart was assaulted by two other inmates at the Bedford Hills Correctional Facility in New York in the fall. But she writes that she's doing better and doesn't expect her face to be severely scarred.

Pamela is also teaching classes in spelling, science and current events to other inmates at Bedford Hills, and she writes that the letters she receives "from all over the U.S. ... helps to ease my pain in some way."

If you thought prison walls would be enough to keep Pam and her supporters apart, think again. You can reach out and touch even convicted murderers in cyberspace.

Welcome to the Pamela Smart Homepage, which bills itself as the only site on the Internet dedicated to information about Pamela Smart. A Union Leader search found that to be the case.

The address is:

<http://members.aol.com/elpiniki96/pagepame.htm>

The website was built and is managed by Mike Gibbs, whose name and face are featured prominently on the page. Attempts to reach Gibbs via several e-mail addresses and links was unsuccessful.

But one thing is for sure — he's convinced of Pamela's innocence.

There is a photo gallery of Smart, including a picture of her as a baby ("Who would have thought that such a beautiful child would endure such a horrible tragedy?" the caption says). There are also photos of Helen Hunt and Nicole Kidman, "the actresses who tried to portray Pame (sic) in the movies."

There are letters from Smart to Gibbs that are posted for all to read, and there is a place where others can write in and express their opinions. There are even news articles about her, including an Associated Press release about Smart's next appeal hearing in Rockingham County Superior Court.

"Can you think of a male convicted murderer with his own fan club?" one person writes.

The Friends of Pamela Smart is a group formed after her conviction that published a newsletter about her and her unsuccessful appeals. The group lists a post office box in Windham, where John and Linda Wojas, Smart's parents, still live.

The Wojases did not return repeated telephone calls placed to their home in recent weeks.

Except for the information on the homepage, little is known about Smart's life at Bedford Hills. Neither a spokesman for the facility or a spokesman for New York State Department of Corrections would talk about Smart individually.

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